

ALICE'S WONDERLAND BAKERY

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"Cookies For Santa"

Outline

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ACT ONE

BEAT A: INT. BAKING SCHOOL - It's Christmas Eve and ALICE (dressed in a festive red and white candy cane themed outfit) leads FERGIE, HATTIE and ROSA in a holiday baking lesson with COOKIE - the last lesson of the year. The kids are making yule-log cabins as treats to take home to their families. DINAH (dressed in a candy cane striped BOW) hops on the counter and nudges a bowl of festive ingredients towards Alice, who demonstrates the last step. "Time to add the dragonfruit zest!" Everyone follows Alice as their chimneys puff with fantastical smoke. Rosa holds her finished cabin up proudly, thanking Alice for countless baking lessons this year. Alice smiles, happy to spend time with her friends, especially during the holidays. There's nothing quite like baking with your best friends at Christmas! Now it's time to take their delectable cabins home.

BEAT B: As they walk through the beautiful wintry white snow to the BAKERY, Fergie remarks that he can't wait to share his cabin with his siblings. The twins' teeth sure will want to chomp this! Rosa is giving hers to Ribbitton, and Hattie thinks his is the perfect mouse-sized edible cabin for Cam. "See?" As the friends arrive inside, we see CAM cuddle up in the yule-log cabin for a couple nibbles, then a snooze. "What about yours, Alice?" Rosa asks. Alice arranges a beautiful Christmas window display and places the cabin right in the middle. "There. The perfect spot for Santa Claus to see it. Hopefully he'll make his way to the bakery!"

BEAT C: Fergie, Hattie and Rosa look at Alice, confused. "Who's Santa Claus?" Alice, Cookie and Dinah GASP. Alice pulls a delicate, vintage CHRISTMAS COOKIE JAR with a SNOWGLOBE LID from her cupboard. Inside the snowglobe is a SANTA FIGURINE. "This is Santa Claus!" Alice explains that Santa is only the most magical, wonderful guy around! Alice launches into an **ORIGINAL SONG: "YOU JUST GOTTA BELIEVE!"** During the song, Alice fills in her friends: Santa Claus flies in a sleigh pulled by reindeer and delivers presents to everyone on Christmas Eve. But most importantly, he spreads Christmas joy to everyone, everywhere. Naturally, her curious friends have some questions. Hattie asks

how he gets down the chimney. Fergie's interested in the carrots the reindeer eat. Rosa wonders if his cheeks are as red as roses. Cookie asks if he likes to ski when he's not sledding. But everyone wants to know - will he *really* come? Alice sings: You just gotta believe!

BEAT D: As the **SONG ENDS**, Alice confirms: So Santa has never been to Wonderland? Her friends nod. Santa has never found himself down the rabbit hole. ("And he just comes *one* night, not *eight*?" asks Hattie who also celebrates Hanukkah). Alice says he comes on one night... tonight! They should write Santa a letter so he knows where to find them... and let him know what they all want for Christmas. Cookie offers a fresh page, and the kids write their Christmas wishes to Santa. Hattie asks for socks in his stocking and a new diving board for Cam's pool, Fergie wants a pocket watch tool kit (without jam and butter, he clarifies), Rosa asks for a sparkly paint set, and Cookie asks for a... parachute! Alice adds a kitty bed for Dinah, but not sure what to add for herself. She just wants Santa to come to Wonderland so her friends can experience the wonder and joy of Christmas.

Hattie adds some basic directions so Santa can find them: "Down the Rabbit Hole, make your first left right after the left on the right, turn upside-down, when you get to "That Way" make a U-Turn, then an X-Y-Z turn..." With Cam's help, Hattie seals up the letter in a Hattery-green envelope. "Now what?" he wonders. Suddenly a BOX POPS UP. They tuck the letter inside... and off it goes. Everyone crosses their fingers. They really hope Santa Claus comes!!

BEAT E: Alice gets a twinkle in her eye. There's one more thing they can do to ensure Santa's arrival - One very important detail she left out. The one thing Santa loves most in the world is... COOKIES! He enjoys snacking on them with a glass of milk as he makes his Christmas deliveries. ("When you deliver presents to everyone everywhere, you work up quite the appetite!" adds Cookie.) So Alice figures if she bakes the BEST cookies she's ever made, Santa surely will come! Fergie, Hattie and Rosa are thrilled with the cookie plan and want to leave plates at each of their houses. Fergie checks his watch. "Carrotsticks! If Santa arrives tonight we'd better get started." Alice grabs her whisk and rolling pin, confidently springing into action, giddy with excitement. Santa is coming to Wonderland!!

ACT TWO

BEAT A: Alice, Cookie and the kids launch into a **CHRISTMAS MEDLEY (Part 1: "Santa's Coming to Wonderland")**. They sing about all their ideas for the perfect cookie for Santa. What will he like, and what can they offer Santa that he hasn't already had? Alice encourages everyone to get creative. They dream up whimsical flavors inspired by the tastes, smells, sights and sounds of the holidays, with that Wonderland twist. ("Figgy pudding pinwheels, Bonkers biscotti, Crinkle twinkle cookies, shortbread with tall sprinkles, twists with topsy-turvy toasted almonds..." the list goes on.) During the song, the kids explore the bakery, pantry and the greenhouse for ingredient inspiration.

BEAT B: As the **SONG** comes to an interlude, the kids are back in the bakery. Alice announces the cookies they've landed on for each house. They'll make Bobsled Bon Bons for Hattie's house, Figgy Pudding Pinwheels for Fergie's, and Snowmint Shortbread with Snowflakes of Coconut for the palace. Cookie shows off the new gleaming recipe pages that shimmer like a Christmas star. Alice beams: "Now that we've got our recipes, the only thing left to do is BAKE!" The music picks back up and we launch into **THE BAKING SONG - Christmas version (Medley Part 2)**. The kids put together three trays of beautiful cookies with festive decorations. OVEN pops them onto the counter as **THE BAKING SONG FINISHES...**

The kids marvel at their creations. Santa has surely never seen cookies like these before. Or *tasted* extra tall sprinkles or snappy-happy ginger. Cookie helps the kids arrange the cookies on festive platters. But just as they plate up the cookies...

BEAT C: CHESHIRE CAT arrives. He's heard the news! Is it true? Is this Santa fellow really coming to Wonderland? Alice grins: "Yes! And we're making him the most wonderful Wonderland cookies." Cheshire is giddy and asks Alice for her help to make Santa a plate of cookies. "Of course!" says Alice just as...

MILLY and JOJO burst in the bakery next. They heard from Bop who heard from the Broom Dog who heard from Cheshire Cat that Santa is coming. "Can you help us-" "-Make cookies?" says Alice. She's more than happy to help. In fact, the more friends baking, the merrier! She loves having her bakery full of friends... and cookies! "But what will Santa like?" says Cheshire as we re-launch into the **CHRISTMAS MEDLEY (Part 3: "Santa's Coming to Wonderland Reprise")**. This time, Cheshire, Milly and JoJo share in the excitement of Santa's imminent arrival and dream up their recipes. What will Santa like? ("Candy cane cookies with cheery

cherries, Snowy Doughy Snowballs, snickersnacker doodles, peppermint pine trees, even cinnamon sleighs that fly..."")

BEAT D: As the **MEDLEY COMES TO AN END**, trays and trays of cookies cover the counters of the bakery. JoJo and Milly squeeze Alice with big hugs full of gratitude, and Cheshire grins his biggest grin. They all thank Alice for helping them with their cookies for Santa. "Anytime!" Alice looks around at the beautiful assortment of cookies. "I hope Santa loves them," she says full of anticipation. As Cheshire, JoJo and Milly say goodbye, Fergie's watch rings. Bedtime is hoppin' up fast! Alice turns to her friends on a mission. Time to get their cookies set up for Santa's arrival.

BEAT E: HATTIE'S HOUSE - Alice, Fergie and Rosa help Hattie set up his cookies for Santa. Hattie (in pjs) has a few ideas... like a HUGE GLASS OF MILK, perfect for dunking! DAD HATTER tests it out, cannonballing into the milk. The kids laugh, and Alice assures him Santa probably never had the opportunity to dunk his cookies quite like that! "Night!" says Hattie as he crawls under the kitchen table, hiding. He whispers to his friends: He and Cam are camping out to get a glimpse of Santa. Alice tells him to listen for the sound of jingle bells. As Alice, Rosa and Fergie say goodbye, we see Hattie's eyelids grow heavy as he and Cam doze off...

BEAT F: AT FERGIE'S HOUSE - The cookies are set on the table, but what Fergie (in pjs) is really concerned about are the snacks for the reindeer. Fergie reveals a huge basket of CARROTS, and STEW enters, promising he'll make sure Fergie doesn't eat the carrots tonight. As Fergie heads to bed, Alice reminds him to listen for the pitter-patter of reindeer hooves on his roof. "My bunny ears are ready!"

BEAT G: AT THE PALACE - The QUEEN and KING help Rosa and Alice (all in pajamas) set up a royal platter of cookies in the parlor as RIBBITON brings an assortment of fancy milk bottles to choose from. Cookie and Dinah, look on, impressed. The Queen is pulling out all the stops for Santa and is quite intrigued. "So he wears a RED suit? I like that. But his beard is... white? Hmmm. No one's perfect." The King leaves a note ("Feliz navidad!") and puts on a salsa record. ("Who doesn't like music with their snacks?") Alice reminds them that Santa comes down the chimney with a "ho ho ho!" The Queen sets cushions by the fireplace as Rosa hangs their STOCKINGS with Dinah and Cookie's help. Alice confirms that everything is set - they haven't missed a thing. The girls

(and the Queen, King and Ribbitton) are giddy as they race to bed.

BEAT H: THE SUN RISES OVER THE PALACE - It's Christmas morning, and Alice (with a nuzzled Dinah) and Rosa are sound asleep in their sleeping bags in Rosa's room. The Queen BURSTS in with childlike enthusiasm. "Let's see what Santa brought us!!" Alice and Rosa squeal and run to the PARLOR...

...where they find... no presents under the tree. Empty stockings. And on the table... the cookies and milk completely untouched. The King and Ribbitton are there inspecting the scene. Everyone turns to Alice. What happened? Alice is at a loss. Santa didn't come to Wonderland?!

ACT THREE

BEAT A: Alice can't believe it... surely this can't be true! But Alice, Rosa, Cookie and Dinah arrive at FERGIE'S HOUSE, where it's the same story. The cookies are still perfectly set on the plate with a full glass of milk. "But the carrots are gone! That means the reindeer were here!" says Fergie hopefully. Stew sheepishly confesses that he ate the carrots after Fergie fell asleep.

Hattie rushes in (in pjs) next but before he can even finish his question he sees the looks on his friends' faces. "Didn't come here, either?" "Not even the palace," adds Rosa.

Alice feels terrible and doesn't want to believe Santa didn't come at all. There's still one more place to check.

BEAT B: EXT. SNOWY TULGEY WOOD - CHESHIRE CAT'S TREE glows like a Christmas tree covered in twinkling campfireflies. But Alice's hopes are crushed when Cheshire appears and tells her there's been no sign of Santa. He's confused. He thought Santa was here, there, and everywhere, but it appears he's everywhere but here! So... nowhere. Alice turns to her friends, completely heartbroken. Alice goes through all the steps: They wrote a letter, hung their stockings and baked the best cookies in Wonderland. "Oh crumbs," realizes Alice. "The cookies! They must have been all wrong. What if Santa doesn't like shortbread? Or maybe he doesn't care for jelly. Maybe I didn't use enough swirly cinnamon!"

Rosa, Hattie and Fergie console Alice. Santa may not have come

to Wonderland, but they still had a great time baking with her. Alice thanks her friends. But she still can't shake it - she thought her cookies would be enough to do the impossible - to bring Santa to Wonderland - but they weren't. As the kids head down the snowy path, Fergie wonders if maybe Santa came to the bakery. But Alice remembers that's the one place they didn't leave a plate of cookies. It's nothing but trays of cookie crumbs there. Alice scoops up Dinah and Cookie, and heads home.

BEAT C: Alice arrives at the snowy bakery, her friends not far behind. In the soft glow of the window, she sees her yule-log cabin spouting swirly smoke from the chimney. She sighs. Santa didn't see it after all. But as Alice opens the door, a huge PILE OF PRESENTS spills out. "What in Wonderland?" says Alice as she steps inside and sees an enormous RED BAG. Then Alice hears a familiar "ho, ho, ho!" and from behind the bag we reveal SANTA CLAUS!

"Alice," says Santa, with that kind, gentle recognition, "I am very sorry I'm late, and for such an important date."

Fergie, Hattie, Rosa, Cookie and Dinah enter. Fergie's mouth drops agape. The kids are in awe. "Santa, you... came!" says Alice in disbelief. Oven toots his whistle, punctuating everyone's surprise.

Santa explains that he got lost on his way down the rabbit hole. Up is down, left is right in Wonderland! He shows the kids his COMPASS which spins wildly. Then Santa takes out the LETTER they sent him, which we recognize from Hattie's green envelope. Santa immediately zeros in on who's who and greets the kids with that classic Santa all-knowing magic. But now that Santa's *IN Wonderland*, Alice wants to know how he managed to end up in her bakery of all places. Santa explains: Luckily he smelled the most delicious cookies he has ever smelled before - peppermint, chocolate, figs and cinnamon... and also spices that he's NEVER smelled before. He followed his nose and found his way to this curious bakery.

Rosa turns to Alice. It was Alice's cookies after all that helped Santa make it to Wonderland. Alice beams, and announces that the cookies are waiting for him on plates at each house in Wonderland. Would Santa like a tour? Santa winks, and invites the kids outside.

BEAT D: There, Santa SNAPS his fingers. Suddenly they hear... jingle bells, the pitter-patter of reindeer hooves, and Santa

lets out a big ho, ho, ho! The SLEIGH floats down with a fleet of reindeer! Fergie says they're even more amazing than he imagined and promises some treats for them, too. The kids, Cookie and Dinah hop in and are swept away.

In a series of quick shots, we see Santa try each different cookie at the kids' houses.

At HATTIE'S HOUSE, Santa lets out a jolly laugh at the sensational bouncing jelly in the Bobsled Bon Bon cookies.

At FERGIE'S HOUSE, Santa hops for joy when he tries the plate of spinning pinwheel cookies, and Fergie gives the reindeer plenty of carrots.

As they continue on in the sleigh, Cookie sees her PARACHUTE poking out of Santa's bag. She straps it on and flies behind them, thanking Santa as they fly over TULGEY WOOD. Cheshire waves from his tree. Next they soar over DODO BEACH, where Milly and JoJo (holding their empty cookie plates) wave goodbye to Santa as well.

BEAT E: And finally, the sleigh lands at the palace. In the PARLOR, Santa samples the last plate of cookies, still amazed and delighted with each bite. Snowflakes of coconut flutter around him landing on his hat and beard with a shimmer. Santa takes a sip of milk. He turns to Alice and proclaims the cookies he's had in Wonderland are the BEST and most unique cookies he's ever tasted.

Now, he has something for all of *them*. The Queen jumps in line first and Santa chuckles, handing her a Christmas vase full of red roses and a cape for the King. He's also got a pickle ornament for Cheshire Cat (who pops in just in time), socks for Hattie, the pocket watchkit Fergie asked for ("no butter and jam, as requested"), a sparkly paint set for Rosa, and a new kitty bed for Dinah. A SPLASH comes from inside Hattie's hat. "Sounds like Cam got that new diving board!" Everyone is amazed Santa brought them exactly what they wished for.

BEAT F: But what about Alice? Santa turns to her and reaches deep into his bag. He reveals Alice's CHRISTMAS COOKIE JAR with the SNOWGLOBE LID. But instead of just a Santa figurine inside the globe, we now see Alice, Fergie, Hattie and Rosa figurines, too. Santa winds it up and all the figurines spin around in the falling snow as it plays a little tune.

Alice thanks Santa for making this the BEST Christmas ever. But Santa thanks *Alice* instead. He smiles warmly and points to the figurines inside the cookie jar snowglobe. Even when he didn't arrive, Alice was there for her friends and brought them so much fun by inviting everyone to make cookies. Most importantly, she spread Christmas joy to everyone, everywhere. Her friends nod, it's true. Alice truly brought the Christmas spirit to Wonderland, through the joy she put into her baking. Alice smiles, and gives Santa a big hug. She thanks him for coming all the way to Wonderland. Will he be back next year? Santa smiles: "Will you have cookies?" **FADE OUT.**